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MEMORANDUM TO:

SUBJECT : Admiral Anderson's Interest in
the Soviet Navy Estimate

1. As you probably know, Adm. Anderson is the chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board; and as you certainly know, he is a former CNO with a continuing interest in Naval matters. When the DCI appeared before the PFIAB on 7 February, Adm. Anderson raised his great interest in the forthcoming Estimate on the Soviet Navy, for which you will have oversight responsibility.

2. For some weeks, if not months, Anderson has apparently been busily contacting US Naval officers around the world, soliciting their views and assessments of Soviet Naval capabilities and intentions. The DCI understood that Anderson had packaged his findings, plus some personal comments, into a private memorandum for the President.

3. The DCI and I both feel it would be advisable on several counts if you would call Adm. Anderson, arrange an appointment, make your manners to him, brief him on the scope and outline of the Soviet Naval Estimate and progress therein, and see if you can obtain either an oral rundown on what Anderson has told the President or (if possible) a copy of his memorandum.

4. I am jotting this down simply to be sure it does not slip my mind when we get a chance to talk after you come on board full time.

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